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AMENDMENT

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 52, line 2, please delete the paragraph and insert the following new paragraph

A1 --1. HIV-3LTR (SEQ ID NO:1)--

On page 53, line 3, please delete the paragraph and insert the following new paragraph

A2 -- 2. Sequences from HIV-3 3' ORF (SEQ ID NO:2)--

Please insert the presently submitted Sequence Listing into the Specification as a separate page 65.